

REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 5-8, 11-12, 17-21 and 24-30 remain in the present application.

ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Examiner has imposed a restriction requirement, and requested that Applicants elect one of three identified groups of claims for prosecution in connection with the present application. The groups of claims are as follows:

Group I – Claims 1-2, 5-8, 11-12, and 17-20, drawn to DNA;

Group II – Claims 21 and 24-28, drawn to proteins; and

Group III – Claims 29-30, drawn to methods of modulating immunological activities.

APPLICANTS ELECTION

Applicants respectfully elect Group III, including claims 29-30, without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application for the non-elected claims during the pendency of this application.

CONCLUSION

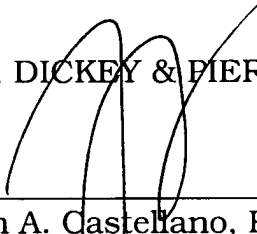
An early indication of the allowability of claims 1-2, 5-8, 11-12, 17-21 and 24-30 in connection with present application is earnestly solicited.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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